Press Release

Precision Air Services consolidates its flight network

- **Airline plans to increase domestic flights to Arusha.**
- **Focuses on lucrative regional and domestic routes**

Dar es Salaam, 20th August, 2012 … Precision Air Tanzania Services, Tanzania's largest carrier, has announced the increase in frequency of its daily nonstop flights to Arusha and increased capacity to Mwanza.

Beginning 22nd August, the company will add up to five daily flights to Arusha.

The airline has also mounted a Boeing 737-300 on Wednesday, Friday and Sunday to Mwanza in a bid to increase capacity and meet customer demand. This is in addition to the already existing ATR and Boeing flights.

Speaking while making the announcement, Precision Air Commercial Director, Patrick Ndekana, noted that the airline had experienced increased loads in its domestic and regional routes over the past quarter. "We have added two important regional routes - Lubumbashi and Lusaka over the past two months both of which have resulted in stronger than expected growth for the airline.

"We remain excited on our growing regional footprint of 16 destinations while also being strategically focused on further consolidating our dominant domestic presence."

Precision Air has the largest and widest presence of airline operating in Tanzania, covering more destinations more frequently than any of its competitors. As part of consolidating its strategic market presence the airline has made a decision to discontinue it's operations to Johannesburg effective 17th September 2012. Precision

Air has been offering four weekly flights to Johannesburg since the launch of the route about a year ago. The airline will however continue with its steadily performing Hahaya route which it also commenced a year ago.

"We have decided to focus on growing strong domestic demand and on more lucrative markets" said Ndekana.

Ndekana also announced the suspension of Kigoma and Musoma operations due to safety reasons and to allow for the ongoing construction of the Kigoma airport runway, adding that, "we will resume flights to these two destination once renovations are over. "

Precision's current fleet consists of five 70-seater ATR 72-500, four 48-seater ATR 42 and three Boeing 737. Plans are underway to expand the fleet further by acquiring more E-jets and ATRs. The airline's fleet modernization expansion plans are strategically linked with an increase in passenger uplift. Precision has witnessed its strongest growth in total passenger uplift over the past 3 years from around 465,349 passengers in the 2007/08 financial year to over 800,000 equivalent as of 2010/11, a growth of over 70 per cent.

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